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During my first term on the BOE I have helped implement positive changes. Research-based education indicators imply that small schools, highly qualified teachers, a comprehensive curriculum, high quality preschools, adequate facilities, effective leaders, and realistic funding can improve student achievement. This has become our road map. I now know clearly what the problems are and the solutions require placing education higher on Hawaii's list of priorities. I plan to continue working for strong community commitment to high standards and high achievement. This includes building partnerships between schools and the community. I also support built in accountability. Our students deserve nothing less. I know that we can implement continuous quality improvement if we stick with our new road map. BOE members need to set policy designed to empower our DOE administrators and teachers to make good decisions regarding allocation of resources at the school level. Only then can we hold stakeholders throughout the system accountable for best practices and performance. There is plenty of good within the educational system waiting to blossom. We must build on the good and make necessary improvements by any legal means necessary. Federal mandates such as the "No Child Left Behind Act" and the "Felix Consent Decree" demands this of us. We can make a difference and move our school system ratings to the top ten in the nation. Properly educating our children is the best legacy we can leave our state. Your vote for me can help continue the good trends we have begun.